Land acquired under the Act vests with the State Governments and they can dispose of such land, as per provisions contained in Section 23 of the Act.

As regards distribution of ceiling surplus agricultural land, the subject matter falls within the domain of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

Electronic Courts

1301. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic courts are going to be established in the Supreme Court very soon;

(b) if so, the details of such a proposal;

(c) the facilities that e-courts would provide to the clients;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court is also thinking of allowing Lok Adalats to sit between 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. in the court building to dispose of the cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On the direction of the then Chief Justice of India, the National Informatics Centre (NIC) submitted a project Report on the upgradation of the computer network of the Supreme Court in September, 2000.

NIC, in its Report, had suggested that the existing Hardware and Software at the Supreme Court required to be changed. Some new applications namely, Management Information System (MIS), Public Interface System and Electronic-Courts (E-Courts) are proposed to be introduced.

The Supreme Court of India, in consulation with NIC, has already procured necessary Computer Hardware and Software for upgrading the existing IT facilities. It has also been proposed to implement several Public Interface Applications such as: Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) for providing case status information to the Public, Certified copies

to the litigants public, to provide access to the latest orders and judgements, is uance of notices by electronics means, to inform the litigants public about the case status through Short Message Service (SMS) etc.

(d) and (e) While speaking at the ceremeny for laying the foundation of the Centre for Environmental Studies and the IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) Studies at NALSAR University of Law at Hyderabad on 1.7.2002 Hon'ble Chief Justice of India mooted the idea of further activating Lok Adalats to dispose of 5 to 10 year old cases by allowing them to function in the court building from 6 p.m. to 9. p.m.

Implementation of recommendations of Constitution Review Commission

1302. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 490 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to implement the recommendations pertaining to his Ministry:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI): (a) Yes, Sir, the examination of the recommendations has been initiated.

(b) and (c) The recommendations require detailed examination which is a time consuming process, before any decision regarding their implementation can be taken.

Issues discussed during the official visit to Iran

1303.SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the issues which were discussed by him during his recent official tour to Iran;

(b) whether the question of establishing North-South corridor was also taken up; and

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